

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 79

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

August 15, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to women in business.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 79, as introduced, Beth Gaines. California Business Women’s Day.

This measure would designate September 22, 2011, and September 22, 2012, as “California Business Women’s Day” and would encourage all Californians to celebrate the occasion with appropriate activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1.2 million women-owned
2 businesses in California and women-owned businesses constitute
3 48.6 percent of all privately held businesses in California; and
4 WHEREAS, Women-owned businesses in California employ
5 approximately 2.8 million people and generate approximately \$406
6 billion in revenue; and
7 WHEREAS, In 2004, among the 50 states and Washington,
8 D.C., California ranked first in the number of privately held, 50
9 percent or more women-owned businesses, first in the number of
10 employees employed by women-owned businesses, and first in
11 revenues generated by women-owned businesses; and
12 WHEREAS, California has 11 Fortune 100 companies, all of
13 which have at least one woman director; and

1 WHEREAS, California ranks first in the nation with the greatest
2 number of Hispanic, Asian, and Pacific Islander women-owned
3 businesses, second for the greatest number of Native American
4 and Alaska Native women-owned businesses, and fourth for the
5 greatest number of African American women-owned businesses;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Minority women-owned businesses comprise 35
8 percent of all women-owned businesses in California, making
9 California the third leading state where minority women-owned
10 businesses comprise the greatest share of all women-owned
11 businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, September 22 marks the founding date in 1949 of
13 the American Business Women's Association, the mission of which
14 is "to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and
15 to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others
16 grow personally and professionally through leadership, education,
17 networking support and national recognition"; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That September 22, 2011, and September 22,
21 2012, shall be designated as "California Business Women's Day"
22 and all Californians are encouraged to celebrate the occasion with
23 appropriate activities; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly provide copies
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.